



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant(s): Pauley et al.  
Serial No.: 09/414,764  
For: RAPID EXPANSION TAMPON PLEDGET  
Filed: October 7, 1999  
Examiner: D. Ruhl  
Art Unit: 3761  
Confirmation No.: 3820  
Customer No.: 27,623

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**MAIL STOP FEE AMENDMENT  
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. BOX 1450  
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450**

Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM**

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$930.00 to extend the time for filing this response until September 4, 2003.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	21	Minus	20	1	x \$18.00	\$18.00
Independent Claims	4	Minus	3	1	x \$84.00	\$84.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE				x \$280.00 = \$		
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES				\$102.00		
1/2 FILING FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY				\$N/A		

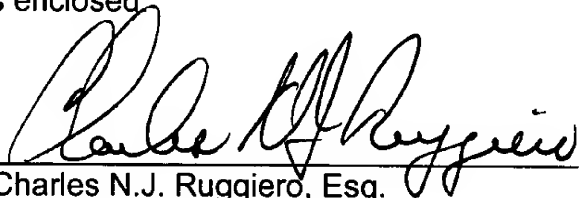
The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes (\$102.00) and any extension of time (\$930.00) is calculated to be \$1,032.00.

X A Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.132 is enclosed.

X A check in the amount of \$ 1,032.00 is attached.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed

September 4, 2003  
Date



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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed on March 4, 2003 for the above-identified application. Please amend the application as set forth below. Please find filed herewith a petition for a three-month extension of time accompanied by the requisite fee, effectively extending the period to timely respond to September 4, 2003.

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